

# Letters to the Editor

## Restore auditorium to its original splendor

To the Editor:

The Manhattan Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1786 was one of the organizations that provided planning and leadership in the building of Peace Memorial Auditorium following World War II.

It was built for more than 2,000 Riley County veterans and 101 who died for our country. Some of the relatives of the 101 who died still reside here, and they do not want this memorial to their loved ones destroyed and replaced by offices.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1786 fully supports the Board of Historic Resources and its unanimous recommendation to take a second look at other options before we destroy something we cannot replace.

We are not opposed to new offices for the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department, but not in Peace Memorial Auditorium. Peace Memorial Auditorium should be restored to its original splendor and updated with modern amenities for future generations to enjoy.

With some new and innovative ideas by city staff and architects, an addition to City Hall can be the solution. The mayor and city staff have suggested that a location at City Hall would allow them to provide better service, reduce staff and be centrally located. We think that is a good idea. There is space around the current building to follow their recommendation, and also preserve and restore Peace Memorial Auditorium. This is a "win-win" solution for everyone concerned. Just do it.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on a historical

subject dear to the hearts and minds of many in Manhattan and Riley County.

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## KCC should say no to Westar rate increase

To the Editor:

Westar Energy has asked the Kansas Corporation Commission for a raise. Why? After reading area business news, I saw an article on Westar. How greedy they all must be.

I need my 9 cents on the dollar. Taxes in Pottawatomie County have risen. And I just wonder why we little guys can't be spared another hike.

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